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Interviews: 1,007 adults
Dates: January 13 – 17, 2005

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>High 9/01</u>	<u>Low 7/92+</u>	[138]
Headed in the right direction.....	40	41	39	39	36	36	72	14	
Off on the wrong track.....	47	46	48	49	50	48	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	11	10	10	12	14	11	9	
Not sure.....	3	2	3	2	2	2	6	6	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		36	33	41	47	56	41	43	
		48	50	49	43	30	48	47	
		14	14	5	6	9	8	6	
		2	3	5	4	5	3	3	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
	38	42	49	62	36	43	44	42	
	50	44	38	22	47	42	42	43	
	8	9	8	13	14	13	14	12	
	4	4	5	3	3	2	-	3	
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
	40	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	
	42	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	
	14	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	
	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	

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2. I'd like to ask you to rate the degree of hope and optimism you have about the next four years as either very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, mixed, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic.

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>	[139]
Very optimistic.....	22	19	22	
Somewhat optimistic.....	26	33	39	
Mixed.....	23	26	24	

Somewhat pessimistic.....	14	12	9
Very pessimistic.....	14	9	5
Not sure.....	1	1	1

- 3a. For statistical purposes only, will you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	14	50-54.....	8	[140-141]
25-29.....	10	55-59.....	7	
30-34.....	8	60-64.....	7	
35-39.....	8	65-69.....	6	
40-44.....	12	70-74.....	6	
45-49.....	9	75 and over.....	5	
		Refused.....	-	

- 3b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[142]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 3c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	77	[143]
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	1/05	12/04	10/04+	9/04+	8/04+	High 11/01	Low 6/04+	[144]
Approve.....	50	49	49	47	47	88	45	
Disapprove.....	44	44	47	48	48	7	49	
Not sure.....	6	7	4	5	5	5	6	
	7/04+	6/04+	5/04+	3/04	1/04	12/14/03		
	48	45	47	50	54	58		
	46	49	46	46	41	34		
	6	6	7	5	6	9		
	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	7/03	5/03+	4/03		
	52	51	49	56	62	71		
	41	44	45	38	31	23		
	7	5	6	6	7	6		
	3/29-							
	30/03	3/23/03	3/17/03	2/03 ¹	1/03	12/02		
	66	67	62	61	54	62		
	29	28	33	31	40	33		
	5	5	5	8	6	5		
	10/02+	9/02	7/02	6/02	5/02	4/02	4/01	
	63	64	67	75	74	57		
	31	30	27	18	20	22		
	6	6	6	7	6	21		

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/05*</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	[145]
Approve.....	47	44	45	45	43	45	41	
Disapprove.....	47	51	52	51	52	49	53	
Not sure.....	6	5	3	4	5	6	6	
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
	45	49	48	50	43	45		
	51	45	46	44	52	48		
	4	6	6	5	6	7		
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
	47	49	44	47	48	48		
	45	42	49	45	44	43		
	8	9	7	8	8	9		
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
	49	57	61	63	63	52		
	43	34	30	27	25	27		
	8	9	9	10	12	21		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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4c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>1/05**</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	[146]
Approve.....	46	45	48	44	44	44	43	
Disapprove.....	49	51	46	51	52	52	51	
Not sure.....	5	4	6	5	4	4	6	
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>		
	47	54	56	48	48	47		
	48	41	37	47	48	46		
	5	5	7	5	4	7		
	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>		
	55	63	70	51	57	58		
	39	31	24	42	36	35		
	6	6	6	7	7	7		
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53	
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20	
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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4d. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing?

	<u>1/05*</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	[147]
Approve.....	53	51	50	52	53	48	63	
Disapprove.....	43	42	46	43	42	47	31	
Not sure.....	4	7	4	5	5	5	6	
		<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
		66	56	56	60	66	64	
		27	38	39	34	28	28	
		7	5	5	6	6	8	
		<u>12/02</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
		66	67	73	75	75	76	
		27	26	22	20	18	19	
		7	7	5	5	7	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>1/05**</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 10/90+</u>	[148]
Approve.....	41	40	39	46	39	43	39	42	61	22	
Disapprove.....	40	42	43	41	47	45	45	45	28	69	
Not sure.....	19	18	18	13	14	11	16	13	11	9	
	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>				
	43	42	44	44	40	34	43				
	43	39	39	40	44	48	41				
	14	19	17	16	16	18	16				
	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>			
	54	57	47	43	45	48	55	49			
	29	29	34	33	32	35	30	35			
	17	14	19	24	23	17	15	16			
	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>			
	46	46	43	42	43	48	45	42			
	41	42	46	44	40	36	42	45			
	13	12	11	14	17	16	13	13			
	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>			
	40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48			
	49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39			
	11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13			

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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6. This coming week President Bush will be inaugurated for his second term. For you personally, in the way you will be evaluating him, do you feel that he has a clean slate and a fresh start or will you evaluate him based mostly on the way you have felt about him over the past couple years? *

Bush has clean slate and fresh start.....	20	[149]
Will evaluate Bush based on past feelings....	69	
Some of both (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
George W. Bush							[150]
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
September 2004+.....	36	13	6	12	33	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	[]
Dick Cheney							[151]
January 2005 *	19	23	15	18	23	2	
December 2004	18	24	13	13	28	4	
October 2004+	24	20	12	11	31	2	
September 2004+	21	20	13	12	31	3	
August 2004+	18	20	16	12	30	4	
July 2004+	16	20	19	14	28	3	
June 2004+	17	22	17	13	27	4	
May 2004+	18	21	16	13	29	3	
March 2004	17	22	18	14	22	6	
December 13, 2003	18	24	14	13	23	8	
May 2003+	24	23	18	10	16	8	
January 2003	20	27	23	12	13	5	
September 2002	23	27	21	12	12	5	
July 2002	24	28	19	10	13	6	
December 2001	36	27	23	3	6	5	
April 2001	31	21	22	10	9	7	
January 2001	23	26	26	9	7	9	
July 2000+	19	23	26	9	6	17	
<i>High</i>							
February 1991+	33	33	13	2	2	17	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2004+	16	20	19	14	28	3	
Condoleezza Rice							[152]
January 2005 *	20	22	23	11	9	15	
December 2004	26	19	21	10	12	12	
May 2004+	26	22	17	12	12	11	
Tom DeLay							[153]
January 2005 *	4	13	21	10	10	42	
December 2004	3	9	26	7	10	45	
December 2000	2	7	19	5	8	59	
July 2000+	3	7	18	4	9	59	
July 1999	2	7	19	3	4	65	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Donald Rumsfeld							[154]
January 2005 **.....	15	24	16	11	23	11	
December 2004.....	11	23	17	14	24	11	
May 2004+.....	16	23	18	14	19	10	
November 2003.....	18	25	15	11	19	12	
September 2003.....	21	26	15	11	14	13	
July 2003.....	21	25	15	13	15	12	
May 2003+.....	27	25	13	8	13	14	
June 2002.....	23	24	19	8	6	20	
December 2001.....	30	26	16	4	3	21	
Alberto Gonzales							[155]
January 2005 **.....	9	12	19	7	6	47	
Howard Dean							[156]
January 2005 **.....	4	18	32	12	12	22	
January 2004.....	7	20	20	13	21	19	
December 13, 2003.....	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003.....	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003.....	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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8. Thinking about where America stands today as compared to four years ago, for each of the following things, please tell me whether you think that things are better off, about the same, or worse off than they were four years ago.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY BETTER OFF

	<u>Better Off</u>	<u>About The Same</u>	<u>Worse Off</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The nation's feeling of security **.....	40	21	38	1	[166]
Optimism about the future.....	35	27	36	2	[159/164]
Economic conditions.....	25	29	45	1	[157/162]
Moral values and standards.....	23	37	37	3	[158/163]
The education system *.....	20	39	36	5	[161]
America's standing in the world *.....	16	26	54	4	[160]
Partisanship in Washington **	10	43	38	9	[165]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 9a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A TOP PRIORITY IN Q.9a.)

- 9b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY (Q.9a)

	<u>Q.9a</u> <u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u>		<u>Q.9a/b</u> <u>COMBINED</u> <u>Top/Second</u> <u>Priorities</u>	
Job creation and economic growth.....	25		46	[167-168/ 169-170]
The war in Iraq.....	20		39	
Terrorism and homeland security.....	20		37	
Social Security.....	13	CONTINUE	32	
The budget deficit.....	9		23	
Taxes.....	3		10	
Medical malpractice lawsuits.....	3		9	
Other (VOL).....	1		2	
All equally (VOL).....	6	Skip to	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	Q.10	-	
Not sure.....	-		-	

10. Which do you think should be a greater domestic priority--promoting economic growth or promoting moral and family values?

Promoting economic growth.....	44	[171]
Promoting moral and family values.....	45	
Both (VOL).....	11	
Neither/other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

Changing topics . . .

11. Which of the following best describes how you feel about how George W. Bush will do during his second term--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>1/05¹</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	
Optimistic.....	31	30	31	27	[172]
Satisfied.....	22	22	20	29	
Uncertain.....	23	17	13	24	
Pessimistic.....	23	30	35	19	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	

¹ Prior to January 2005, the question was phrased, "Which of the following best describes how you feel about George W. Bush being reelected as president..."

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- 12a. How confident are you that George W. Bush has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Extremely confident.....	26	19	[173]
Quite confident.....	19	21	
Only somewhat confident.....	25	36	
Not at all confident.....	29	22	
Not sure.....	1	2	

- 12b. How confident are you that George W. Bush has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/05*</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Extremely confident.....	19	15	[174]
Quite confident.....	22	25	
Only somewhat confident.....	26	37	
Not at all confident.....	32	21	
Not sure.....	1	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12c. When it comes to George W. Bush's ability to promote a strong and growing national economy, would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in his ability?

	<u>1/05</u> **	<u>1/01</u>	<i>Likely Voters</i>		9/00	6/00	4/00	12/99	[175]
			11/00	10/00					
Very confident.....	23	18	24	30	19	17	14	18	
Fairly confident.....	20	25	21	19	21	24	17	25	
Just somewhat confident.....	25	35	24	27	29	31	36	32	
Not at all confident.....	31	19	28	22	27	24	28	18	
Not sure.....	1	3	3	2	4	4	5	7	

¹ Prior to January 2005, the question was phrased, "When it comes to George W. Bush's ability to keep the nation's economy strong and growing..."

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

13. How would you rate George W. Bush on the following qualities using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY GOOD RATING (A RATING OF "4" OR "5")

	Very Good Rating	Very Poor Rating			Cannot Rate	[]
		5	4	3	2	
Being easygoing and likable						[209]
January 2005 *	36	21	18	10	14	1
June 2004+	32	21	22	11	13	1
Having high personal standards that set the proper moral tone for the country						[177/212]
January 2005.....	37	19	20	11	12	1
June 2004+.....	39	13	20	11	16	1
November 2003.....	41	16	18	8	15	1
July 2002.....	43	23	19	7	8	-
January 2001.....	33	25	22	11	8	1
December 1999.....	22	28	28	8	9	5
Being in charge and making his own decisions						[216]
January 2005 **.....	36	20	19	10	15	-
January 2001.....	24	25	24	11	14	2
Having the ability to handle a crisis						[180]
January 2005 *.....	33	23	16	10	18	-
January 2001.....	20	27	29	11	11	2
Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president						[208]
January 2005 *.....	32	20	18	11	19	-
June 2004+.....	32	18	17	13	20	-
November 2003.....	36	18	17	10	19	1
July 2003.....	42	17	16	8	16	-
May 2003.....	47	17	15	8	13	1
January 2003.....	34	22	21	11	12	-
July 2002.....	38	24	19	9	10	-
January 2002.....	49	24	17	5	5	-
April 2001.....	28	22	22	13	15	-
January 2001.....	26	24	25	13	11	1
December 1999.....	26	27	24	10	9	4

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.13 (cont'd)		Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	[215]
		5	4	3	2	1		
Being honest and straightforward								
January 2005 **.....		32	18	14	11	25	-	
June 2004+.....		29	18	14	12	26	1	
November 2003.....		34	18	17	9	22	1	
July 2003.....		35	16	18	8	22	1	
May 2003.....		41	18	21	7	13	1	
January 2003.....		39	21	16	10	13	1	
July 2002.....		35	23	19	10	12	1	
April 2001.....		37	18	20	11	13	1	
January 2001.....		28	22	25	11	13	1	
Having a vision for the country's future								
January 2005.....		31	19	22	12	16	-	[179/214]
November 2003.....		27	18	20	11	22	1	
Being smart and intelligent								
January 2005 **.....		27	23	19	10	20	1	
June 2004+.....		25	23	19	10	23	-	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people								
January 2005 **.....		29	18	16	13	23	1	[219]
June 2004+.....		24	16	22	13	25	-	
November 2003.....		29	17	19	9	25	-	
May 2003.....		34	17	19	9	20	1	
January 2003.....		27	22	19	12	19	1	
July 2002.....		33	23	21	10	12	1	
January 2002.....		44	21	20	6	8	1	
April 2001.....		26	20	21	15	17	1	
January 2001.....		21	21	27	14	16	1	
December 1999.....		22	24	28	10	12	4	
Being a world leader in dealing with other countries								
January 2005 *.....		19	22	22	11	26	-	[210]
July 2003.....		30	21	19	9	22	1	
May 2003.....		38	19	15	8	18	1	
January 2003.....		25	24	23	11	17	-	

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Q.13 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	[178/213]
	5	4	3	2	1		
Working effectively with Congress to get results							
January 2005.....	15	26	33	12	13	1	
January 2001.....	19	27	36	8	8	2	
December 1999.....	18	30	32	7	7	6	
Being sensitive to the needs of minorities							[176/211]
January 2005.....	19	20	26	14	20	1	
January 2001.....	16	20	28	14	19	3	
Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own							[218]
January 2005 **.....	17	16	27	13	25	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Now I'm going to read you several things that some people have said they expect to happen during President Bush's second term in office. Please tell me which one or two of these you think are most likely to happen during President Bush's second term. If you do not expect any of these things to happen, please say so. (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose, which ONE or TWO would you say are most likely to happen?

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That President Bush's policies will lead to a period of economic growth.....	22	[220]
That President Bush's policies will reduce the threat of a terrorist attack on American soil.....	20	>
That President Bush's focus on family will improve values.....	18	
That Iraq will maintain a stable democratic government and American troops will start to come home.....	17	
That President Bush's changes to medical malpractice lawsuits will lower the cost of health insurance.....	10	
That President Bush's foreign policies will strengthen America's position in the world.....	9	
That President Bush will put in place policies that cut the budget deficit in half over the next five years.....	6	
None will happen.....	29	
Not sure.....	4	

15. As you may know, in the last term of Congress some senators used a procedure called a filibuster when it came to some of President Bush's judicial nominees. When this happens, it takes the votes of sixty senators instead of fifty-one to end debate and hold a confirmation vote for a nominee. In your opinion, should the Senate maintain the filibuster rule or eliminate the filibuster for judicial nominations? *

Should maintain the filibuster.....	48	[221]
Should eliminate the filibuster.....	39	
Not sure.....	13	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

16. Which of the following roles would you like to see the Democrats in Congress play?

Work in a bipartisan way with Republicans to help pass President Bush's legislative priorities so that we do not have gridlock, OR

Provide a balance to make sure that President Bush and the Republicans do not go too far in pushing their agenda.

Work in a bipartisan way to pass Bush's legislative priorities.....	33	[222]
Provide a balance so Bush and Republicans don't go too far.....	57	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	3	

17. I'm going to read you several issues that Congress may address in the coming year. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Congress should pretty much keep things the way they are in this area, or whether Congress should make changes in the way things work in this area.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAKE CHANGES

	Keep Things The Way <u>They Are</u>	Make Changes	Not Sure	
Rules reducing the number of lawsuits **.....	19	76	5	[229]
Rules governing the status of immigrant workers in the United States *.....	21	71	8	[226]
The Food and Drug Administration's procedures for approving new drugs **.....	24	70	6	[230]
The Social Security system.....	27	69	4	[223/227]
Rules governing compensation in lawsuits *.....	24	67	9	[225]
Laws that address gay marriage.....	52	39	9	[224/228]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to some other topics . . .

18. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	[231]
Economy has gotten better.....	31	30	29	29	37	39	35	
Economy has gotten worse.....	28	34	36	33	31	28	33	
Economy has stayed about the same....	40	35	34	37	30	31	31	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	
	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
	35	43	45	38	27	23	18	
	34	23	27	29	41	42	44	
	29	34	27	31	30	34	36	
	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	
	6	7	17	6	2	3	6	
	65	57	44	73	78	74	67	
	28	35	38	20	19	22	26	
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
	8	9	11	8	3	3	6	
	57	64	54	64	73	72	57	
	33	26	35	27	23	24	35	
	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	
	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
	11	11	12	12	12	15	18	
	37	36	30	30	29	34	23	
	51	52	56	56	57	49	57	
	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	[232]
Economy will get better.....	43	43	43	42	44	50	53	49	44	
Economy will get worse.....	17	10	13	16	18	10	10	15	19	
Economy will stay about the same.....	36	33	33	34	35	37	33	33	33	
Not sure.....	4	14	11	8	3	3	3	3	4	
	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>		
	45	49	45	49	35	40	41	39		
	16	17	16	17	25	20	20	18		
	34	31	34	31	37	35	34	39		
	4	3	4	3	3	5	5	4		
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>		
	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19		
	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22		
	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57		
	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2		
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>			
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28			
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17			
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52			
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3			
	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>			
	27	29	44	43	21	23	20			
	21	16	16	19	27	24	29			
	49	52	36	34	50	51	48			
	3	3	4	4	2	2	3			
	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>			
	23	33	39	50	53	32	31			
	27	21	15	9	10	20	24			
	47	44	43	39	35	45	40			
	3	2	3	2	2	3	5			

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "During the next year..."

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20. In looking at 2005, do you think that it will be a time of economic expansion for you and your family and an opportunity to move ahead, or do you think that it will be a time to hold back and save because harder times are ahead?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/98</u>	[233]
Time of expansion/opportunity.....	40	32	29	32	
Time to hold back/harder times ahead.....	51	56	60	57	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	7	7	5	
Not sure.....	3	5	4	6	

21. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

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	<u>1/05</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	
Unemployment.....	23	41	48	41	25	13	11	10	35	35	33	37	[234-235]
Social Security.....	20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget ¹	19	16	13	14	11	9	9	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Energy prices.....	12	6	7	7	6	38	35	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inflation.....	6	5	4	5	6	10	8	8	6	8	6	5	
Federal taxes.....	6	9	6	7	8	11	14	11	11	12	10	8	
Interest rates.....	3	2	1	2	3	5	5	6	5	4	2	2	
All equally important (VOL).....	10	13	14	15	11	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	
None (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not sure.....	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	
	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
Unemployment.....	40	43	40	37	40	44	44	44	46	46	37		
Social Security.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Energy prices.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Inflation.....	6	5	8	8	6	4	7	7	6	7	11		
Federal taxes.....	11	12	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	5	7	
Interest rates.....	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	
All equally important (VOL)	7	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	8	10		
None (VOL).....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3		

¹Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

22. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Good idea.....	40	38	[236]
Bad idea.....	50	50	
Not sure.....	10	12	

23. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer —(A) making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits, OR (B) changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts--like IRA's or 401k's--and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>8/04</u> ¹	<u>1/04</u> ²	<u>6/00+</u>	
A/Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is.....	44	39	43	52	45	[262]
B/Changing Social Security to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts.....	46	45	41	38	45	
Neither/other(VOL).....	5	7	8	5	5	
Depends (VOL)	2	4	3	1	1	
Not sure.....	3	5	5	4	4	

¹ Prior to August 2004, the phrase, “ . . . like IRAs or 401k's . . . ” was not included.

² Prior to January 2004, the question was phrased, “ . . . to dealing with Social Security concerns you more.”

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24. In winning the presidential election, President Bush says that the voters gave him a mandate--meaning he believes that the voters have backed his positions on the issues and want him to pursue policies that he advocated during the campaign. Speaking for yourself, do you think that President Bush has a mandate from the voters to allow workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market?

	<u>1/05**</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Yes, Bush has mandate.....	33	35	[238]
No, Bush does not have mandate.....	56	51	
Depends (VOL).....	2	3	
Not sure.....	9	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

25. Do you feel that the Social Security system needs a complete overhaul, that it needs major changes, that it needs minor modifications, or do you think it is pretty much okay the way it is?

Complete overhaul.....	13	[239]
Major changes.....	31	
Minor modifications.....	43	
Pretty much OK the way it is.....	11	
Not sure.....	2	

- 26a. Which of the following do you think best describes the financial situation of Social Security today--it is in crisis, it is in serious trouble but not in crisis, it is in some trouble, or it is not really in trouble at all? *

In crisis.....	14	[240]
In serious trouble but not in crisis.....	38	
In some trouble.....	38	
Not really in trouble at all.....	7	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 26b. Which of the following do you think best describes what the financial situation of Social Security will be in ten to twenty years--it will be in crisis, it will be in serious trouble but not in crisis, it will be in some trouble, or it will not really be in trouble at all? **

In crisis.....	23	[241]
In serious trouble but not in crisis.....	27	
In some trouble.....	34	
Not really in trouble at all.....	12	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

27. Most people agree that the Social Security system is in trouble and needs more money if it is going to continue to pay benefits to people when they retire. Which one of the following options would you prefer to bring more money into the Social Security system? If you feel that none of these options is acceptable, please say so.

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	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Gradually increasing the Social Security payroll tax.....	24	24	[242]
Gradually raising the retirement age at which people can collect Social Security.....	16	16	
Having the federal government borrow more money than it currently does to put into the Social Security system.....	12	7	
Gradually reducing the amount of money people receive as their Social Security benefit.....	5	4	
None of these options is acceptable.....	40	40	
Not sure.....	3	9	

28. Would you favor or oppose a plan to change the Social Security system that includes gradually reducing the amount of money that people receive as their guaranteed Social Security benefit in exchange for allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market?

Favor.....	33	[243]
Oppose.....	56	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	7	

29. Please tell me whether you think each of the following groups is mostly interested in working for the good of the public, is mostly interested in making a profit, or is equally interested in working for the public and making a profit.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MOSTLY INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

	<u>Mostly Interested In Working For The Public Good</u>	<u>Mostly Interested In Making A Profit</u>	<u>Equally Interested In Both</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Doctors **.....	17	31	49	2	1	[248]
The news media **.....	10	51	35	1	3	[249]
HMOs *.....	8	62	22	1	7	[244]
Airlines **.....	5	60	31	1	3	[250]
Trial lawyers *.....	5	70	21	-	4	[245]
Insurance companies *.....	5	76	17	-	2	[246]
Drug companies **.....	3	76	20	-	1	[247]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

30. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	40	43	41	40	43	43	40	[251]
Not worth it.....	52	48	50	52	49	47	51	
Depends (VOL).....	3	6	4	3	4	4	5	
Not sure.....	5	3	5	5	4	6	4	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>		
	42	50	52	53	45	45		
	47	45	40	37	42	46		
	5	1	2	5	6	3		
	6	4	5	5	6	5		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31. As you may know, Iraq is scheduled to hold elections for prime minister and parliament on January thirtieth.

Some people say that the elections **SHOULD** be held on January thirtieth so that the Iraqi people can have a democratically elected government as soon as possible. Other people say that the elections should **NOT** be held on January thirtieth because the situation in Iraq is too dangerous and chaotic to hold an election right now. Who do you agree with more--the people who say that the election **SHOULD** be held on January thirtieth or the people who say that the election should **NOT** be held on January thirtieth?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Agree more with people who say elections should be held.....	58	55	[252]
Agree more with people who say elections should NOT be held.....	34	35	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	3	5	
Not sure.....	5	5	

32. If Iraq's elections are held on January thirtieth, do you think that the election results will be legitimate because the new Iraqi leaders will have been democratically elected, or do you think that the results will not be legitimate because violence and boycotts will keep voters away from the polls?

Results will be legitimate.....	39	[253]
Results will be not be legitimate.....	50	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	7	

33. If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned, do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in the country to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops soon after the Iraqi election?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Maintain current troop level.....	42	45	[254]
Reduce number of troops.....	48	41	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	6	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	

34. Do you think that Iraq will or will not be able to establish and maintain a stable, democratic government?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
Will be able to maintain stable, democratic government.....	38	31	27	46	[255]
Will not be able to maintain stable, democratic government.....	45	45	51	40	
Mixed/depends (VOL) ¹	8	10	10	4	
Not sure ²	9	14	12	10	

¹ Prior to June 2004, this item was phrased, "Mixed/neither fully democratic nor fully undemocratic (VOL)."

² In March 2004, this item was phrased, "Depends/Not sure (VOL)."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

35. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
More confident.....	41	41	46	37	[256]
Less confident.....	48	48	41	53	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	6	6	8	5	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

36. Do you think that Iraq did or did not have weapons of mass destruction before the war began?

	<u>1/05</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	
Did have weapons of mass destruction.....	54	57	63	70	[257]
Did not have weapons of mass destruction....	40	35	30	21	
Not sure.....	6	8	7	9	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	88	CONTINUE	[258]
Not registered.....	10	Skip to Q.F3	
Not sure	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN Q.F1.)

F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (**IF "YES," ASK:**) For whom did you vote--George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted--George W. Bush.....	46	[259]
Voted--John Kerry.....	41	
Voted--someone else.....	2	
Did not vote.....	8	
Not sure.....	3	

F3. Are you currently employed? (**IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:**) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	22	[260-261]
White-collar worker.....	23	
Blue-collar worker.....	15	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	22	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	4	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[262-263]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	18	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	8	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN."**) (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	19	[270]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly independent.....	15	
Independent/lean Republican.....	12	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	18	
Other	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	21	[271]
Moderate.....	36	
Conservative.....	37	
Not sure.....	6	

F7a. Are you currently single and never married, single and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	18	[272]
Single, living with partner.....	6	
Married.....	56	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	9	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F7b. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes.....	38	[273]
No.....	60	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F8a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	53	CONTINUE	[274]
Catholic.....	24		
Jewish.....	1	Skip to Q.F9	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	8		
None.....	9	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	5		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[275]	
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	45		
Not sure.....	10		
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F8b).....	25		

F9. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	[276]	
Once a year.....	6		
A few times a year.....	18		
Once a month.....	7		
About twice a month.....	11		
Once a week or more often.....	36		
Not sure.....	5		

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	12	[277]	
Labor union household.....	5		
Nonunion household.....	80		
Not sure.....	3		

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	[278]	
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	9		
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9		
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14		
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11		
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	16		
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11		
More than \$100,000.....	10		
Not sure/refused.....	15		